Indefinite Fast undertaken by Representatives of Ex-servicemen Employees Welfare Association

3206. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY :
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 763 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th February, 1989 to state whether the representatives of Reserve Bank of India Ex-Servicemen Employees Welfare Association have undertaken an indefinite fast from 7th March, 1989 at Boat Club New Delhi to press for the implementation of the important recommendations of the High Level Committee to go into various problems of ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : The Reserve Bank of India Ex-Servicemen Employees Welfare Association had undertaken a fast from 7th March, 1989 at Boat Club, New Delhi to urge the implementation of the important recommendations of the High Level Committee on Problems of Ex-servicemen and various orders and instructions of Government relating to ex-servicemen, by the Reserve Bank of India. It is reported that the Association has already given up the fast.

Eradication of Sewage

3207. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have started an experimental plant in Baroda to eradicate sewage to make it pathogen-free;

(b) is so, what are the details in this regard and to what extent the plan has been successful ;

(c) whether it is a fact that at the recent concluded seminar on peaceful uses of Atomic Energy organised by the United Schools International, it was pointed out that pathogens are disease causing grms and required to be eradicated ; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and steps being taken to prevent any disease from this dreaded pathogens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A project has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 87 00 lakhs for setting up the Radiation Technology Process Plant at the Gajarawadi sewage treatment complex at Baroda, Gujarat State. The plant aims at the development of Radiation Treatment Process of sewage sludge for its reuse as a safe fertiliser in agricultural practice or its safe disposal. The plant is in an advanced stage of completion and is expected to be commissioned soon. The plant uses a Cobalt-60 Gamma Radiation source for irradiating the sewage sludge and has a capacity of treating 25,000 gallons of sweage sludge emanating from about 4 million gallons of raw sewage per day.

(c) and (d) It is a fact that pathogens are disease causing germs. By radiation treatment most of